

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on April 6, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 558, 4/3/2017; HB 605, 4/3/2017

Executive Action: HB 442, HB 554, HB 574, HB 583, SJ 23, HB 226

00:00:37 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 558

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:53 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 558, Revise tax rates to mitigate reappraisal.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:53 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
00:05:06 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
00:06:24 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:14 Mike Kadas, director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
[EXHIBIT\(tas72a01\)](#)

00:16:51 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MONTAX)
[EXHIBIT\(tas72a02\)](#)

00:23:31 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:59 Sen. Cohenour
00:26:45 Mr. Kadas, DOR
00:27:07 Sen. Barrett
00:28:22 Mr. Kadas
00:28:29 Sen. Barrett
00:30:36 Rep. Hertz
00:32:22 Sen. Malek
00:33:38 Mr. Story, MONTAX
00:35:47 Sen. Malek
00:35:58 Mr. Story
00:37:37 Sen. Webb
00:37:58 Mr. Kadas
00:38:22 Sen. Webb
00:38:26 Mr. Kadas
00:39:50 Sen. Webb
00:40:22 Mr. Kadas
00:40:37 Sen. Webb
00:46:08 Mr. Kadas
00:46:41 Sen. Barrett
00:47:18 Mr. Kadas
00:48:39 Sen. Hoven

00:49:14 Mr. Story
00:51:06 Sen. Hoven
00:51:58 Mr. Story

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:35 Rep. Hertz
00:55:54 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 605

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:03 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 605, Montana Indian Reservation Economic Development Act.

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:31 Mike Kadas, director, Montana Department of Revenue

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:05:26 Sean Becker, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:51 Sen. Cohenour
01:06:30 Mr. Becker, COM
01:06:54 Sen. Cohenour
01:07:01 Mr. Becker

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:42 Rep. Hertz
01:09:56 Chairman Blasdel
01:10:35 Recess
01:26:33 Reconvened

01:26:37 Chairman Blasdel

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a05\)](#)

01:27:06 Edmond Caplis, Montana Department of Revenue

01:28:01 Chairman Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 442

01:28:18 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 442 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:28:33 Sen. Pomnichowski

01:29:35 Chairman Blasdel

01:29:54 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:30:48 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 442 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas72a06)

Discussion:

01:30:58 Sen. Webb

01:31:21 Sen. Pomnichowski

01:31:33 Sen. Webb

01:31:47 Sen. Pomnichowski

01:32:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote of those present and voting with Sen. Tempel voting no.

01:32:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 442 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. Barrett and Sen. Tempel voting no. Sen. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Webb will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 554

01:33:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 554 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 574

01:33:57 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 574 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:34:13 Sen. Cohenour

01:34:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Malek, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 583

01:35:37 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:35:57 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 583 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(tas72a07\)](#)

Discussion:

01:36:05 Sen. Barrett
 01:37:08 Sen. Malek
 01:37:31 Sen. Barrett
 01:38:30 Sen. Malek
 01:39:06 Mr. Coles, LSD
 01:39:40 Sen. Cohenour

01:39:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

01:40:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 23

01:40:28 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SJ 23 DO PASS.**

01:40:57 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SJ 23 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(tas72a08\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(tas72a09\)](#)

01:43:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

01:43:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SJ 23 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 226

01:43:21 Sen. Hoven
 01:43:36 Chairman Blasdel

01:43:50 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **HB 226 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:44:05 Sen. Hoven
 01:44:37 Chairman Blasdel

01:45:54 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **HB 226 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(tas72a10\)](#)

Discussion:

01:46:15 Mr. Coles
 01:47:57 Sen. Hoven
 01:48:02 Sen. Tempel

01:48:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote of those present and voting with Sen. Tempel voting no.

01:48:34 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 226 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

01:48:41 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **HB 226 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(tas72a11\)](#)

Discussion:

01:48:51 Sen. Richmond
 01:49:37 Sen. Pomnichowski
 01:50:19 Sen. Richmond
 01:50:23 Sen. Pomnichowski
 01:50:49 Mr. Coles
 01:51:23 Sen. Barrett
 01:51:54 Sen. Richmond
 01:52:13 Sen. Barrett
 01:52:24 Sen. Richmond
 01:52:37 Sen. Barrett
 01:53:16 Sen. Cohenour

01:53:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Hoven, Sen. Malek and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

01:54:40 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 226 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:54:46 Sen. Tempel
 01:55:08 Sen. Barrett
 01:55:49 Sen. Hoven

01:56:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Hoven, Sen. Richmond, Sen. S. Sales, Sen. Thomas and Sen. R. Webb voting aye. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

01:57:20 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:01 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas72aad.pdf](#))